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**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2003 AT 5:30 PM**

**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128  
12TH FLOOR, ROOM 1 (12-1)

**AGENDA**

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- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - Meeting of September 24, 2003
- III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*time limit 3 minutes each speaker*)
- V. INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - A. CTAC SECRETARIAT/PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MANAGER AND THE NEW PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OFFICER – Elizabeth Rockwell**
  - B. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) PHASE II – Aymee Ruiz, FDOT Public Information Office**
- VI. ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. LACK OF SIGNALS AT ALL INTERSECTIONS ALONG PHASE II OF THE BUSWAY – Raquel Rosal, MDT *Planning & Development* and Muhammed Hasan, Public Works**
- VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**
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- X. OLD BUSINESS**
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<b>C. MPO Governing Board</b>	<b>11/20/03</b>
<b>D. TPC</b>	<b>11/10/03</b>
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<b>G. TARC</b>	<b>11/5/03</b>
<b>H. LRTP</b>	<b>11/13/03</b>
<b>I. CITT</b>	<b>11/13/03</b>
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2003

**CTAC ATTENDANCE:**

Frank Hernandez, Chair  
Norman Wartman, Second Vice Chair  
Andrea Young  
Rolando Acosta  
Willie Duckworth  
Mac Glasgow  
Paul Schwiep  
Maurice Gan  
Robert Ruiz  
Daniel Fils-Aime  
Emma Pringle  
Ramon Ramos  
Bernard Superstein  
Joseph M. Corradin  
Naomi Wright

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat  
Paul Chance, CTAC Secretariat Assistant  
Joe Platnick, Citizen  
Juanda Ferge, Alednam  
Peter Evans, Metro-Aqua Cats  
Larry Foutz, PBQED  
Ken Jeffies, FDOT  
Janet Lopez, FDOT  
Raquel Rosal, MDT  
Hudson Gaulman, MDT (Retired)

Claudette Hinton, MDT  
Patrice Rosemond, MDT  
Delfin Molins, PWD  
Jeff Cohen, MDPWD

Mr. Frank Hernandez, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

## **I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mac Glasgow moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Maurice Gan. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Paul Schwiep moved for the approval of the minutes for the September 24, 2003 meeting and the motion was seconded by Maurice Gan. The Chair, Frank Hernandez corrected the minutes on the motion for the Resolution on FDOT (I-395). The verbiage “no tolls” was to be included on page 3 of 5 in the second paragraph. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS**

Elizabeth Rockwell announced that Commissioner Jimmy Morales appointed Frank Zeinali to be the newest member of CTAC. Due to personal reasons he was unable to attend the meeting, but is very excited to join the Board.

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Juanda Ferguson made comments on the GIS Project. Ms. Ferguson would like CTAC to pay attention to the bridge components in each neighborhood. She thinks it's a good opportunity to do some community enhancement with this project.

Joe Platnick raised a question about proposed changes to the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Government Management Plan. The Board of County Commissioners is having a public hearing November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Chambers to discuss changing a residential area to industrial business that the citizen resides in. He asked if anything could be done to require the developers to spend money to improve (widen) the roadways of West Dixie and 186<sup>th</sup> street. He says the roads are congested when school students are released. Developers should be forced to fix the roads and not the citizens. He made a suggestion that the developers get this done before the item gets approved by the Commissioners to build a shopping plaza.

Second Vice-Chair, Norman Wartman explained to Mr. Platnick what impact fees are and how the Commissioners may or may not apply this fee to the developers. Mr. Platnick then proposed the Committee to make a motion to ask the Miami-Dade Planning Department to come to the CTAC and explained what they are planning to do and how impact fees affect the County.

Mr. Platnick also expressed concern about the railroad horn system. He said according to the Federal Railroad Association fewer accidents happen when the horn is being used at train-rail crossings. Mr. Platnick did his own study and found more accidents happen with the horn being used on trains. He wants someone to look into the figures that he has come up with. He mentioned that if the County can meet the criteria for safety (that has not been released yet) by the federal government, then the citizens could suggest it to

be implemented as a quiet zone. This will mean trains passing by the crossings will not blow their horns anymore near residential areas. Elizabeth Rockwell directed Mr. Platnick to speak with Jeff Cohen from Miami-Dade Public Works, who was in attendance.

## **VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. CTAC SECRETARIAT/PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MANAGER AND THE NEW PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OFFICER**

Elizabeth Rockwell introduced Paul Chance, the MPO's new PIO and explained to the committee what responsibilities to the CTAC the Public Involvement Manager and the Public Involvement Officer would have.

### **B. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) PHASE II**

Janet Lopez explained that the Florida Department of Transportation envisions a transportation system that will enhance Florida's economic competitiveness. The plan will develop a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), composed of transportation corridors and facilities of statewide and interregional significance for more efficiently moving both passengers and freight. Members asked when this plan would be implemented.

Larry Foutz answered by saying this is a reorganization of state funding and how they will decide how the money will be spent. This plan will set up Miami-Dade County to receive more funding for transportation in the future. This will have some type of impact on the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Maurice Gan asked why the informational signal lights are not up and running as effective as other cities? Janet Lopez says that they are just using the system as an emergency system. It was suggested to bring someone in that can specifically answer that question that Mr. Gan proposed.

## **V. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. LACK OF SIGNALS AT ALL INTERSECTIONS ALONG PHASE II OF THE BUSWAY**

Mrs. Rockwell advised the Committee that a draft Resolution was included in their packets, which came from Sub Committee. Representatives from Miami-Dade Transit Public Works were in attendance and answered all of questions and concerns. As a result of the question and answer period a draft Resolution was prepared for the full Committee's approval. She informed them that if they had any questions, Raquel Rosal from the MDT, was there to answer them.

Norman Wartman made a motion to pass the draft Resolution requesting Miami-Dade Transit to revisit the un-signalized intersections for phase II of the South Dade Busway. The motion was seconded by Maurice Gan. A friendly amendment was made by Jeff Cohen, Public Works, and accepted by Norman Wartman to include the language "on the Busway" after the verbiage un-

signalized intersections under the third "Whereas" statement. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with one dissent.

## **VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**

Miles Moss was recognized at the October MPO Board meeting. Mr. Hernandez thanked his two Vice-Chairs for attending the MPO Board meeting to present Mr. Miles with the award.

CTAC Protocol – If a member has an issue it must, according to legal, be brought to the Board first for approval at which time staff can be directed to work on it. An issue cannot be touched unless it has the blessing of the Board.

CITT Update – Reported that the By-Laws are 80% finished. The Honorable John Cosgrove was elected as full-time CITT Chairperson. Marc Buoniconiti was elected as Vice-Chair.

Enforcement/Insurance Workshop – Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Hernandez asked the board to spread the word about the workshop. November 8<sup>th</sup> is the transportation workshop updating the People Transportation Plan from 8am-11am at the Hyatt Hotel.

Mr. Hernandez yielded time to Naomi Wright and Emma Pringle to discuss their involvement in the North Corridor.

Ms. Naomi Wright informed the Committee that the Chairperson for CITT appointed a Committee for recommendation for staff. The CITT November meeting will focus on the Transit Corridors. The December meeting will feature the Miami Intermodal. He would also be moving his meetings (project review) to evening so more people can attend. Another issue the Committee is addressing is External Affairs, which is the high-speed train that will be going from Tampa, Orlando to Miami.

Ms. Emma Pringle updated the Committee on the North Corridor Reading. She said things went pretty well. They have a clear understanding on how the alignment will go down 27ave. One hundred Nineteenth Street and 27ave the federal government might be ready to turn that property over to Dade County for an exchange for land.

## **VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT**

Elizabeth explained why the FTAA Conference Brochure was distributed. As a result of FTAA meeting and the holidays CTAC meetings have been changed. The Subcommittee

will have a meeting on November 12. There will be a full Committee meeting December 10<sup>th</sup>. The December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled. Normal meeting times will resume in January.

At the Subcommittee meeting November 12<sup>th</sup> the issues of Transit Development Program (TDP) and the UPWP Discretionary Program will be discussed at the Subcommittee Meeting.

At the past BCC meeting, there were four members from CTAC that showed up and supported the Resolutions. There were three Resolutions that was read into the record and accepted as reports but not as action items. The reports were forwarded to the BCC meeting, which is November 4<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth urged Committee members to come to the meeting in a show of support of the Resolution. MPO will be working on changing the resolutions to actions items. In this effort, Paul Chance and Stephanie Cohan have been setting up meetings with the County Commissioners and their appointees. What we need is the history of CTAC on MDX.

## **IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE
  - B. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
  - C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE – Mr. Mac Glasgow spoke about the ADA conference. The conference was very informational about Para-transit and jitney situations. There were many County employees there. He thought the conference was very productive and informative.
  - D. AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE MARITIME SUBCOMMITTEE
  - E. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
- (No reports were given for items A, B and D, E)*

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Glasgow wanted to know if the Committee wanted to take a position about the new Marlins stadium being built in advance of the commission meeting

Emma Pringle wanted to know when they are going to finish the MLK Metro-Rail Station.

Norman Wartman requested a Subcommittee meeting with the Planning Department on impact fees and how it relates to transportation.

Naomi Wright attended the CITT meeting CTAC needs to have some idea what ordinance revisions are taking place one by one. CTAC needs notification to see what is going on and how they impact the People's Transportation Plan. She also wanted to know if any traffic surveys on synchronization of traffic lights have been performed and if the committee needs to revisit this issue.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM

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